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SUBJECT: MEETING AT THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NUCLEAR ENERGY

1. ON SEPTEMBER 7 THE SCIATT CALLED ON ROMAN LUCZKIEWICZ, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF POWER (MOP), AND THE MINISTRY'S COORDINATING GROUP (SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY RACZKA AND TECHNICAL SECRETARY PLOCHOCKI) TO DISCUSS FUTURE COOPERATION THROUGH THE JOINT FUND.

2. CARVED OUT OF THE PARTENT MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER LAST MAY, THE "NEW" MINISTRY HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR FOUR MONTHS. THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LINES HAVE BEEN DRAWN. MOP HAS RETAINED JURISDICTION OVER BITUMINOUS COAL AND HAS TAKEN OVER ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF THE FORMER MUCLEAR ENERGY AUTHORITY. IN ADDITION TO THIS THE MOP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLTEGOR AND THE INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH AT SWIERK.

3. LUCZKIEWICZ SAID THAT THE MOP IS INTERESTED IN STEPPING UP ITS COLLABORATION WITH THE U.S. HE ADDED THAT THE MOP EXPECTS TO SUBMIT 16 NEW PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE JOINT FUND. SINCE MANY OF THESE DEAL WITH DIFFERENT SUBJECT CATEGORIES, THE MINISTRY SEEKS THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHICH U.S. GOVERNMENT

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AGENCY WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY COLLABORATOR. THE SCIATT

SAID WE WOULD BE GLAD TO MAKE SUCH A RECOMMENDATION
AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE PROPOSALS.

4. RACZKA SAID THAT IN THE PAST PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM THE INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR
RESEARCH AT SWIEREK WERE TURNED DOWN FOR COST REASONS.
HE SAID THAT THE OVERHEAD AT SWIERK WAS ADMITTEDLY HIGH
(170-250 PER CENT) BECAUSE THE FACILITY HAD A STAFF OF
4,500 AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED IN
POLAND.

5. HE SAID THAT ALL THE BENEFIT COSTS PROJECTED IN THE
BUDGETS HAVE A LEGAL BASIS AND THE MOP CANNOT REDUCE THEM.
HOWEVER, IF THE U.S. OBJECTION TO THESE IS BASED STRICTLY
ON THE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES USED, THE MINISTRY IS PREPARED
TO RESUBMIT THE PROPOSALS IN TO SHOW DIRECT SALARY COSTS IN-
CREASED BY THE AMOUNTS OF REDUCED BENEFIT COSTS. LUCZKIEWICZ
STRESSED THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD KEEP THE DRAFT BUDGET
TOTALS UNCHANGED AND THE ACCOUNTANTS HAPPY. HE EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT ALL COOPERATING U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WOULD
CONCUR WITH THIS APPROACH.

6. THE MOP COOPERATING GROUP EXPRESSED CONTINUED INTEREST
IN THE MHD PROPOSAL, AND THE SCIATT PASSED ERDA'S
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AS OUTLINE IN STATE 204802.

7. IN VIEW OF THE MOP'S RELATIVELY SHORT EXISTENCE AND HIGH
HOPES FOR FUTURE COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., LUCZKIEWICZ
WANTED TO KNOW IF IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE A GENERAL
AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION SIGNED BETWEEN MOP AND ERDA.
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